

## WAR OPENS BANKING FIELD FOR WOMEN

Hundreds Now Employed in Financial Institutions to Replace Drafted Men.

### NATIONAL CITY HAS 325

Mayor's Committee Investigators Announce Results of Survey in This Field.

The surprising rapidity with which women are being recruited into banks to fill the positions of men made vacant by the draft or voluntary military service, is disclosed by a report given out yesterday by the standing committee on employment of the Mayor's Committee of Women on National Defense at 6 East Thirty-ninth street.

According to the report fifty-one banks and trust companies were visited by two volunteer investigators, Misses Helen Phelps Stokes and Mary R. Sanford. The investigators said that women have been taken on in these banks in large numbers in the last few weeks; in many instances, they said employers had anticipated the draft and other hardships on their working force because of the war and long ago started to train women substitutes. The report said:

"In the National City Bank 325 women are already employed in the Guaranty Trust Company, 200; in the Chase National Bank, 54; Farmers Loan and Trust Company, 76; Bankers Trust Company, 140; National City Bank, 75; Equitable Trust Company, 100; Corn Exchange Bank, 70, in one department; Brown Bros., 60. The percentage of women to men employed runs as high as one to three or four. In only two of the banks visited our investigators were told that women would not be employed under any circumstances.

Generally speaking there are two classes of banks—those in which there is a real future for women, with salaries in accordance, and those who wish to employ 'green' young girls at low pay to do clerical work only.

"In a very few banks opportunity is opening for women to reach places of highest responsibility. The taking of women into business is not so much the question of replacement as it is the growth of the banking business due to the war. If this business continues more women than ever will undoubtedly be used.

So far as could be learned these women are getting larger salaries than men do on first coming into business. The reason for this is that the women who are being taken on are older and have a better educational background than was formerly required of the young junior bank clerks.

"As to hours—the so-called hours for employees are fairly good, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the morning and 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. in the afternoon, with three-quarters of an hour for luncheon, and shorter hours on Saturday; but in a bank each day's work must be finished that day no matter how long it takes, and this means much overtime, especially at the end of the month. The overtime varies, according to the accuracy of the employee and the organization of the department. In some of the banks the women are not kept as late as the men, but they stay later than 7 p. m., in which case most of the banks give supper money.

"Not many of the savings banks were visited, but in the few that were it was found that the hours are much steeper than in the commercial banks. In these, however, there is not very much replacement of women for men being made.

"As to the wages—except in the case of those banks employing cheap young girls the minimum is about \$15, and the scale rises to high salaries paid to those who have made good. Most of the banks give a hearty luncheon to all their employees.

"Some of the large banks have a woman to engage the women employees and direct their work. In the case of the City Bank the woman in charge has been made an officer—assistant chief clerk—and she and the women in charge in other banks are enthusiastic on the success of the experiment."

Devine to See Aid to Maimed.

Dr. Edward T. Devine, director of the New York School of Philanthropy, has sailed for France to study methods of teaching crippled and blind men to be self-supporting. New York will have a Red Cross institute, for which Jeremiah Milbank has contributed \$50,000, for the promotion of the philanthropy.

Garrett Succeeds van Dyke.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—John W. Garrett of Baltimore was nominated today by President Wilson as Minister to the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Mr. Garrett succeeds Dr. Henry van Dyke, who resigned some time ago.

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### BUDGET PRUNERS AT WORK.

Few Civic Bodies Seize Chance to Offer Suggestions.

The sub-committee of the Board of Estimate's committee on tax budget began its work yesterday in City Hall. All the civic bodies of the city had been requested to send representatives to offer objections or suggestions, but only two or three were represented.

Almost every city department has asked for an increase in salaries, but the sub-committee will submit every raise asked to an acid test. It is believed that the tentative sums asked for will be substantially pruned.

The sub-committee also took up the estimate from the Public Administrator of New York and Bronx counties and the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and the examining board of plumbers.

## WITNESS WILSON CONTRADICTS RABBI

Denies He Told Buchler That He Would Stand By Swann for \$5,000.

A. L. Wolfsohn, better known as A. L. Wilson, the chameleon witness in the bribery charges against Lucian S. Breckinridge, former Assistant District Attorney, changed his mind in the Tombs over night and told a story differing from his previous one, again alleging that he was promised \$7,500 by persons connected with the District Attorney's office if he would testify against Breckinridge.

Wilson sent for the reporters yesterday to go to him in his cell in the Tombs.

His first utterance was a flat and shrill denial of the statements attributed to him the previous day by Rabbi Samuel Buchler, with whom he talked in the District Attorney's office. The rabbi said that Wilson told him he would stand by the District Attorney for \$5,000 and followed it up by saying that the City Club had offered a similar sum if he would make a damaging statement against Swann.

Wilson asserted that he had never made any such statement. He said the City Club had never offered to pay for his testimony, and that his only motive for making the charges against the District Attorney's office was to "cleanse his soul" and "make good" to a man he had wronged.

The witness said that he had been held in the Tombs for sixteen days and that his "back was broken" when he consented to go before the Grand Jury and swear that he served as the middleman between Breckinridge and the Division Street Mercantile Association.

Reiterating his bribery charges against the District Attorney's office, Wilson said yesterday that several assistants present him with graphic word pictures of life in jail. As he had been convicted of a forgery fifteen years ago and he

had been allowed to go on a suspended sentence, these mind pictures of prison's monotony were most depressing. He finally consented to perjure himself, for which he was promised, he said, the sum of \$7,500 in installments of \$25, payable every week. His wife, he declared, was to receive the \$25 and he was to be allowed \$12 for "expenses." When Breckinridge was indicted Wilson said he received a bonus of \$500 and had obtained so far \$1,450 of the money promised him.

John Kirkland Clarke, associate counsel with Chase Meilen for the City Club, went to the Tombs yesterday with a stenographer and had a two hour talk with Wilson. He registered as a representative of the City Club and said that he wanted it made clear that he was not Wilson's counsel. He later visited Judge Mulqueen and reiterated this statement.

Wilson's complete statement was taken in short hand and will be sworn to by him to-day if he doesn't change his mind.

District Attorney Swann late yesterday afternoon denied in detail all of the bribery charges made against men of his office by Wilson. He said that Wilson had never received one cent from any one connected with his staff.

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